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G. E. A. Conference

THE nations of East Asia—represented by the various Ambassadors and by the Nippon Foreign Minister—have met and conferred for three days and after full and frank discussions they have reaffirmed their common war aims as well as their determination to fight till these aims are fully and completely achieved.

This Greater East Asia Conference in Tokyo adopted and released a joint statement. The clauses of this Joint Statement include the elimination of Anglo-American racial discrimination, Anglo-American oppression, their economic imperialism and their political and military aggression. This comprehensive listing of the numerous evils of Anglo-American influence in East Asia shows that the nations of East Asia are fully alive to the dangerous schemes of Britain and America and to the imperative necessity of totally destroying root and branch the Anglo-American power and influence in East Asia.

Of special interest is the clause dealing with the Security system. The Greater East Asia nations have clearly and emphatically declared that there will be no establishment of arbitrary rule by big powers nor the application of any blind formula for the entire world, but the world security structure will consist of several local security structures built in consonance with actual local conditions.

The Greater East Asia Joint Statement also emphasises that in accordance with the changing circumstances of the ever-growing world, international order must be constantly readjusted and all planning for world security must leave ways and means open for such adjustments.

In an address at the Greater East Asia Ambassadors' Conference, the Nippon Foreign Minister Mr. Shigenori Togo, clearly exposed Anglo-American politica. manoeuvres. The Anglo-Americans, he declared, are trampling upon the sovereignty and independence of Neutral States and they are using the smaller and weaker nations of Europe solely for the extension of their own spheres of influence. Peace, democracy and equality are all formulas which the Anglo-Americans are freely using to implement, extend and strengthen their own scheme of economic and territorial domination of the world.

Racial discrimination and colonial exploitation are the cornerstones of the Anglo-American sponsored schemes—the secret schemes that the San Francisco Conference will not hear of nor discuss. The nations of East Asia, in the latest Joint Statement, have most emphatically stressed their determination to destroy these two and all other evils of Anglo-American influence. Racial discrimination and colonial exploitation in Asia shall be totally eliminated through the total destruction of British and American imperialism.

Further News On Awa Maru Tragedy Revealed

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Names Of Notables On Nippon Mercy Ship Now Given

Tokyo, April 25 (Domei)—Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, gave the foreign press conference today the following further information regarding the Awa Maru tragedy:

A check-up of the passenger list with the authorities concerned at the various ports of embarkation revealed that more than 1,800 passengers, many of whom were notables, were aboard the ship at the time of the sinking. Iguchi further revealed that many women and children were among the passengers.

He said although no confirmation has been received, Gotaro Ogawa, former Minister of Commerce and Industry and lately Supreme Adviser to the Burmese Government, might have been on board as he was to return to Nippon by the Awa Maru. Other passengers of whom it has been definitely confirmed as having been on the Awa Maru at the time of its sinking are as follows:

Shimpei Takeuchi, Vice-Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs, Yoshitaro Yamada, Director of the Investigation Bureau of the Foreign Office and former Secretary of the Nippon Embassy in Washington, Takezo Toko, Chief of Political Affairs of the Greater East Asiatic Affairs Ministry, Mitsumasa Hoshina, Secretary to the Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs, Consul Shichiro Suzuki, and Consul Takeji Horichi.

Survivors List Awaited.

Iguchi said the Nippon Government is waiting for a list of survivors from the United States Government. He added when the report of the sinking of the vessel was received, there was a view naturally expressed in some quarters that deliveries of relief supply be stopped until a satisfactory settlement with the United States is reached.

In spite of this, however, Iguchi said, headquarters of Nippon expeditionary forces in the Southern Regions issued instructions to all internment camps concerned to the effect that deliveries of relief supplies be made as soon as possible.

Bonomi Govt. Expresses Great Disappointment

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—The anti-Axis-sponsored Bonomi Government has sent communications to all of the 46 governments represented at San Francisco, expressing its own and the Italian people's "profound disappointment" over Italy's exclusion from the Conference, according to a Rome dispatch.

MOMIN MUSLIMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF NATIONAL GOVT. IN INDIA

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Bitterly Oppose League's Claim Of Total Representation Of Muslims

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A strong demand for the setting up immediately of a truly independent national government in India was made at a Conference of Momins held in Gorakhpur on Monday, states a report from New Delhi.

Abdul Qayyum Ansari, the President, stated that the policy of the Moslem League is undesirable from the point of view of the Momins. He declared that the Momins comprise the majority of Indian Muslims. The Moslem League, he said, represents only the capitalist class among the Moslems, and do not represent the Momins at all.

He added that the recent breakdown of the Moslem League Ministries in the Northwest Assam and Bengal Provinces proved beyond the shadow of doubt that the policy adopted by the Muslim League is bound to fail in the long run as the League does not represent the Moslem masses.

Concluding, Mr. Ansari said that Mr. Jinnah's statement that the Moslem League represents the whole Moslem population is opposed to facts.

Meanwhile, according to another report from New Delhi, Mr. M. K. Vellodi, the so-called Textile Commissioner of the British Government in India, has admitted the serious shortage of cloth in the Province of Bengal. Mr. Vellodi, who has just completed a tour of the Province, said that there is a serious shortage of cloth in the Province and that the shortage is felt particularly in the rural areas.

He said that the price of handloom cloth has sky-rocketed and is therefore beyond the means of the majority of people. Mr. Vellodi tried to make out that the shortage of cloth was mainly due to the bad distribution of mill-made cloth, but he omitted to mention the real cause of the serious shortage—namely, wholesale confiscation of cloth by British Government and their agents.

Finance Chief Reveals Colossal British War Debt; Exceeds Three Thousand Million Sterling Mark

Lisbon, April 24 (Domei)—Sir John Anderson, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his budget speech in the House of Commons today, disclosed that Britain's liabilities to overseas creditors by the end of last year had reached and now exceeded £3,000,000,000, including expenses of clearing up arrears, according to a London dispatch. He added that the figure was likely to reach at least £4,000,000,000 by the time the war ends.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer indicated that Britain faces a tremendous post-war problem in clearing off its debts. He said, however, he could not enter into a discussion of this "outstanding problem of post-war settlement" in which the United States, Canada and other sterling holders must be consulted.

"Whatever means are found for clearing up the past, we shall still be faced with the formidable problem of developing a volume of exports," he added.

Anderson's budget message indicated that the broad effect of the war upon British citizens has been to divert 42 per cent of the whole of the personal income of the community towards financing the Government's expenditures.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer warned that Britain would have to incur further indebtedness in order to get essential imports of food and raw material during the first three years after the war.

After hammering home these uncomfortable facts, Anderson said that the aggregate volume of internal debt at the end of the war would be 25 times as great as after the Napoleonic wars and more than three times as great as after World War I.

Enemy's Losses In War Vessels Mounting Around Ryukyu Group

Ryukyu Front, Apr. 25 (Domei)—Nippon attack corps in sure-hit attacks against enemy surface craft accounted for a total of nine large enemy warcraft and vessels sunk or heavily damaged from April 22 to the small hours of April 23 in waters around the Ryukyu Group.

The first unit which assaulted a group of enemy warcraft and vessels in waters north-east of Kerama Islands sank one large type transport and heavily damaged and set ablaze one

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San Francisco Confab Begins With Bad Start

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"Big Three" Split Over Poland Overshadows Opening Ceremony

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—The lavishly-advertised San Francisco Conference opened tonight under the shadow of a stubborn "Big Three" dispute over the status of the Russian-sponsored Polish Regime, with new American President Harry Truman addressing a radio broadcast to the delegates in San Francisco from Washington, according to a San Francisco dispatch.

In a short 10-minute speech, which sadly lacked the dramatism and colour of late American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Truman simply extended a warm welcome to the anti-Axis delegates and urged them to strive for the realization of a new anti-Axis world organization for the "enforcement of peace."

The new American President declared, "We must make certain that another war will be impossible.....We fully realize today that victory in war requires a mighty united effort. Certainly, victory in peace calls for and must receive equal effort"

American Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, addressing the same points as American States delegate, stressed much the same points as American President Truman.

All the delegates appeared to feel deeply the loss of the late President Roosevelt, who was instrumental in bringing about the holding of the San Francisco Conference and who always has been able to instil drama into such anti-Axis world conferences in the past by his eloquence and colourful personality.

Anti-Axis Hopes Dashed.

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—The Combined Production and Resources Board in Washington today declared that world-wide shortages of coal, textiles, lorries and other products essential to re-establish normal economic conditions constitute a serious danger to anti-Axis hopes of securing stable peace, according to a Washington dispatch.

The statement was issued jointly by Oliver Lyttleton, British Minister of Production, C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister

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German Resistance In Denmark, Norway Seen

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—American military observers today expressed belief that the Germans might continue their all-out resistance in Denmark and Norway, according to a Washington dispatch. They based their views on reports that the German forces have been observed moving toward Denmark.

Furious Fighting Rages In Centre Of Berlin City

Zurich, April 24 (Domei)—Two Soviet armies tonight established a ring of armour around two-thirds of Greater Berlin and probed into the heart of the capital itself, a Reuter's dispatch from Moscow said. The Red Star, official Red Army newspaper, said Soviet forces stormed "comparatively deep" into the city, while another report said they had reached the bank of the Spree which cuts through the heart of Berlin. There are no reports yet that the Spree bridges have been blown although they are within striking distance of the city centre.

The battle at Berlin is being fought at four levels—in the air, over the rooftops, at street level and underground where the Germans are trying to usé cellars and deep airraid shelters for a last stand, Reuter's correspondent said.

A Paris dispatch, meanwhile, said the junction splitting Germany in two is expected momentarily between the Russians and the American First and Ninth armies. Stalin's troops were on the Elbe at Muehlberg, 22 miles from the American First Army troops east of Leipzig.

General George Patton's American Third Army troops have entered Cham, 28 miles northeast of Regensburg and are closest to Berchtesgaden, Linz and Salzburg, the dispatch added. The American Seventh Army was reported 50 miles from Munich.

In the north the British intensified the siege of Bremen and tightened the arc around Hamburg. The German radio reported that the Russians in their encircling drve across Berlin had reached "areas southeast of Brandenburg and east of Potsdam," Berlin's greater western suburbs.

Truman Confers With High Command Staff

Lisbon, April 24 (Domei)—American President Harry Truman yesterday held an hour-long conference at the White House with his military and diplomatic high command, including Edward Stettinius, Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, War Secretary, James Forrestal, Navy Secretary, Admiral Ernest King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Navy and concurrently Chief of Naval Operations, and Four-Star General George Marshall, Chief of Staff, according to a Washington dispatch.

The conferees declined to reveal the nature of the talks.

Britain Adopts Fresh Attitude Toward France

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—Indicating that Britain's attitude toward France has undergone a change in the light of complicated international relations, such as involving Franco-Soviet collaboration, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared "no" when asked in the House of Commons today by Owen Evans, Liberal, whether the offer of complete union with France contained in the draft declaration communicated to the French Government in June, 1940, still represented the policy of the British Government, according to a London dispatch.

Grand Musical Concert At Dai Toa In Honour Of Tentyo Setsu

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In connection with the Tentyo Setsu celebrations, a grand concert will be held at the Dai Toa Gekyijo at 8 p.m. (Tokyo Time) on 28th April, 2605, in order to promote through music mutual understanding and harmony among the various communities in Syonan.

This concert will be presented by the Syonan Ongaku Kyokai under the auspices of the Chinese, Indian, Malai, Eurasian and Arab organisations in Syonan with the support of the local newspapers.

The programme for the concert is as follows:—

PROLOGUE: Kaohidoki No Uta.....All Members

1. OVERTURE: Deri E Shingun "Marching on to Delhi".....Govemdran
2. INDIAN MUSIC:
   (a) Sare Jahan Se Acchha..... Kumari S. N. Saraswathy
   (b) Bindra Banamen Kabhee Na Ana..... .....Kumari Indira Nair
   (Accom. by Abdul Rahman & his Ensembie)
3. KRONCHONG MUSIC:
   (a) Nasib Tolong Agong
   (b) Bunga Sakura .....Asiyah
   (c) Pantai Bahagia
   (Kampong Gelam Kronchong Party)
4. VOCAL ENSEMBLE: (2 Film Hit Songs)
   (a) Bansei Ryuhoo "Wan-Shih-Liu Fang" .....Lilian Hoo
   (b) Djawa no mango uri..... .....Rippen, Asiyah, Lilian Hoo
5. VOCAL SOLO:
   (a) Kookoku No Otome
   (b) Tayou Magtanim.....Rose Ruiz
6. GAMALAN MUSIC:
   (a) Kinandi Sandong
   (b) Pangkor Palarang..... .....(Jawa Pemuda Langan Suara)
7. VOCAL ENSEMBLE:
   (a) Tatakainuko Dai Toa sen.....4 Singers
   (b) Kotoshi no tsubame.....Rippen
   (c) Kushu nanzo osorubeki.....Tan Fong, Han Chin Fong, Jullet Ang, Anni Lee
8. VOCAL SOLO (ARIA)
   (a) Seika Yuku "Conquest with in Holy Fire"
   (b) Ah Kanikaze Tokko Tai .....Filip Vaz
9. ORCHESTRA: AT Tanah Rata (a village on Cameron Highland)

FINALE: Kirikomi No Uta.....All members

Played by: Shonan Ongaku Kyokai, Conductor: Kakinomoto Shichiroo

"Big Three" Split Over Polish Question Seen

Lisbon, April 24 (Domei)—Well-informed quarters in Washington last night interpreted the White House's statement that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov and American Secretary of State Edward Stettinius would continue their talks on Poland in San Francisco as meaning that the San Francisco Conference will open with the "Big Three" still split on the Polish question, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Washington.

Eden, Molotov and Stettinius early today were reported to have left by air for the site of the anti-Axis world conference, with the Soviet Foreign Commissar the last to get away from Washington.

The White House announcement last night strongly indicated that a split in views has arisen between the "Big Three" anti-Axis powers, although it maintained that "limited time" prevented the three foreign ministers from reaching a complete agreement on the Polish issue.

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of Munitions, and J. A. Krug, Chairman of the United States War Production Board, who are the Board's members.

In Europe, the shortages will be the most acute during the next few months, Lyttleton said, adding that British civilian economy is now under a wellnigh intolerable strain. The peoples of Europe, he said, need not only liberation but food, clothing and work.

At the end of March, coal stocks in the United States and Britain were said to have been down to less than one month's supply. Europe has little chance of being warmer next winter, despite the occupation of Ruhr, Saar and other coal-producing areas, it was disclosed.

46 Super Forts Downed Or Damaged Over Kanto

Tokyo, April 25 (Domei)—Nippon interceptors and anti-aircraft batteries jointly accounted for a total of 16 B-29 heavy bombers definitely shot down and at least 30 others heavily damaged yesterday morning, when about 120 Mariana-based "super-forts" raided the Kanto district, according to the latest check-up on our war results obtained in counter-attacking them.

The interim check-up made known yesterday listed six B-29's as downed and 20 others heavily damaged by our fighter-interceptors alone. Full operational reports made available later, however, boosted our bag of "super-forts" to 16 confirmedly knocked out of the air and at least 30 others heavily damaged and probably destroyed.

In yesterday's raid enemy aircraft concentrated their attack mainly on Taohikawa and Tokorozawa airfields. These raiders were subjected to effective interception, both by our fighters and by our Ac-Ac batteries with the result that the enemy suffered more than 30 per cent of his participating planes either downed or heavily damaged.

Enemy Losses In Warcraft Mounting Off Ryukyu

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battleship or cruiser. Shortly after at 7.39 p.m. another unit attacked and either sank or damaged five out of five or six battleships or cruisers in waters south-east of Aguni Island.

At 12.55 a.m. another unit heavily damaged and set ablaze one warcraft, most probably a battleship, out of a group of three or four battleships or cruisers cruising in the vicinity of Kerama Islands. At 2.05 a.m. the same unit sank one large cruiser off the northern shores of Kerama Islands.

Chungking Press Deplore Plight Of Govt. & People

Canton, April 24 (Domei)—The rampancy of official corruption and degradation of social morality are throwing a dark shadow on the life of the Chinese people under the Chungking regime, the concensus of Chungking press reports indicate.

Writing under the caption "Public Employees on Verge of Starvation," the Nan Hua Jih Pao condemned the Central Government's irresponsible and indifferent attitude toward the plight of public employees who are now suffering under deep anguish. It said that inasmuch as the intelligentsia who comprise the greater portion of public employees constitute the backbone of the state, the demoralization of their esprit de corps would seriously jeopardize the future of the Chinese people. Public opinion will not condone the present indifferent attitude of the Chungking Government toward their plight, the journal declared.

Meanwhile, another Chungking journal, the Nintsu Jin Pao, bemoaned the corruption and extravagance prevailing among Government employees. It said that during the past eight years of anti-Nippon resistance, the Chungking regime fostered the slogan of "put forth your money, put forth your energy, put forth your sweat and put forth your blood," adding that what people despised most was making money at the time of national crisis.

It declared that social morality has so degraded that even cultured people have lost their dignity when it comes to a question of making a living. In inverse proportion to the skyrocketing prices social morality is rapidly declining, so much so that even farmers have lost the character befitting them as toilers of the soil. Government officials, not to mention merchants, have become far more sly than the Europeans. Laws alone are powerless to check this degradation of morality, the journal declared.

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New Move To Encourage Local Industrialists

Ipoh, April 25 (Domei)—In a move to further encourage local industrialists and inventors, the Military Administration has promulgated measures for the award of large monetary rewards to members of the public whose inventions merit official recognition.

The rewards, the highest of which is a $100,000 monetary gift, will be paid after due investigation by the competent authorities, to those who have made an invention or a device, of any kind of ammunition, apparatus for its production, or apparatus or means of producing daily necessities from materials abundantly available in Malai.

It is understood that manufacturers whose efforts are officially recognized will receive aid from the authorities in the production of their goods.

Deification Of G.E. Asia War Heroes At Yasukuni

Tokyo, April 25 (Domei)—By virtue of the gracious command of TENNO HEIKA, the Extraordinary Spring Grand Rituals were held under the chairmanship of Admiral Zengo Yoshida at the Yasukuni Shrine here last evening for the deification of war heroes who died gallant deaths in the War of Greater East Asia, China Affair and Manchurian Incident.

The war heroes newly deified in the rituals, which were the seventh since the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia, numbered 41,318 of whom the army was represented by 32,920, including General Osamu Tsukada, and the navy by 8,398, including Fleet-Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto.

Textile Stocks In U.S. Touch New Low Level

Lisbon, April 24 (Domei)—An American dispatch received here today quoted an official of the American War Production Board as saying that textile stocks in the United States are so low that the recent government program for the production of low-priced clothes may have to be cut.

The message indicated that there is little hope that America will be able to fulfil its clothing pledges to the so-called "liberated" countries itself feeling the dire pinch of clothing.

Special Assistant To Stettinius Appointed

Lisbon, April 24 (Domei)—William Phillips, late American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's personal representative in India, has been appointed Special Assistant to American Secretary of State, Edward Stettinius, according to a Washington dispatch.

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